

ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL?

Two Chadron Men, Five from Omaha and One from Chicago Are Charged with Conspiracy

DIRTY ALL THE WAY THROUGH

Say Bunch Conspired to Get Young Wife into Office of Dawes County Attorney at Night

County Judge E. M. Slattery and County Attorney E. D. Crites, of Dawes county on Tuesday filed in court at Chadron complaints charging conspiracy to blackmail against Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney of Omaha; Harvey Wolfe, president of the Omaha detective association; C. W. Pipkin, former Omaha police detective and secretary of the Omaha detective association; Gus A. Tylee, Omaha detective; Phil Winkler, private detective of Omaha; W. S. Dolan, private detective of Chicago; Allen G. Fisher, Chadron attorney; Charles I. Day, Chadron; and Louis K. Mote, Chadron.

The complaint alleges that the defendants conspired to obtain the presence of Mrs. R. Hood, young wife of Robert Hood, an aged and wealthy Chadron banker, and E. D. Crites of Chadron, county attorney of Dawes county, in Crites' law office at 10 o'clock on the night of Monday, May 14, and that part of the plan was to have three of the defendants, Philip Winkler, Charles I. Day and Louis K. Mote, enter the office and charge misconduct between Crites and Mrs. Hood.

The complaint further alleges that Winkler, Day and Mote came to the office and found Mrs. Hood there with Crites and with drawn revolvers attempted to force each of them to pay \$500 and sign written acknowledgements of misconduct.

It is further alleged in the complaint that the purpose of these acknowledgements was to prevent Crites from completing prosecutions of some of the defendants and to stop him from again being a candidate for public office.

The complaint also charges that Mrs. Hood's signature was to be used in an effort to obtain \$1,000 from Robert Hood.

Philip Winkler was released on a \$3,000 bond. Bonds for Stephen Maloney, chief of Omaha detectives, and the other defendants, were placed at \$8,000 for their appearance at Chadron a week from today, Thursday, May 31.

The two Chadron attorneys, E. D. Crites and Allen G. Fisher, are both known locally, and the affair is being watched with great interest not only in Chadron, Alliance and over western Nebraska, but at Omaha and over Nebraska generally.

Follows Political Fight

W. S. Dolan, the Omaha detective who is one of the nine defendants charged with being in the alleged blackmail plot, is reported to have stated that the trouble is grounded on an Omaha political fight between "Johnny" Lynch and Mike Clark of Omaha. Dolan says he and others were making an investigation for Robert Hood with regard to the conduct of Mrs. Hood and in their efforts to get inside information enclosed Elsie Phelps of Central Baths, 1506 Harney street, Omaha, to get a line on Mrs. Hood by getting in with her crowd and attending her parties. He says that Elsie Phelps was a friend of Paul Sutton of the Omaha police, to whom she confided, and that Sutton told "Johnny" Lynch of Omaha.

According to Dolan's story Lynch was sore on the bunch because of work supposed to have been done for Sheriff Clark of Douglas county in putting the Lakeside resort at Omaha out of business. Then, according to Dolan, Lynch sent Sutton to Chadron to slug their game.

Harvey Wolfe, president of the Omaha Detective Association, says that Hood, the Chadron banker, was to pay the detective agency men \$7 a day and expenses.

As near as can be learned the whole affair is a dirty one from start to finish. Sentiment in Chadron and Dawes county is said to be divided, according to the particular Dawes county bunch an individual happens to be lined up with. Various personal opinions are being expressed which are based, it is reported, largely on past performances of certain Chadron individuals.

AGED MARRIAGE MOTHER ANSWERS LAST CALL

On Thursday night Mrs. Elizabeth Lemmon of Marsland died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Hughes, of that place. Death came following a long illness from the effects of which she lost both her sight and mind. Deceased was about seventy-eight years old. She became a widow eleven years ago. Mrs. Lemmon was the mother of nine children, of whom five are living. Three of the children were with her at the end, being Carl of Colorado, Roy of Crawford, and the daughter, Mrs. Hughes. The funeral was held at the Hughes home, the sermon being preached by Rev. Fuller of the Marsland M. E. church.

The Men Who Made Prohibition Effective

State Journal



JOHN N. NORTON Representative from the Thirty-ninth district



LOYD C. THOMAS Representative from the Seventy-third district



LEONARD A. FLANSBURG Representative from the Thirtieth district

While many men are entitled to distinguished mention for their services in securing prohibition for the state of Nebraska, three are three whose staunchness at a trying time give them strong claims for the honor of making the prohibition bill the tower of strength that it is. These men are Representative Norton of Polk county, Representative Flansburg of Lancaster county and Representative Thomas of Box Butte county, whose pictures are herewith presented.

These three men composed the membership of the conference committee that fought it out with the three wet conferees sent by the senate and wrested from them by sheer bull dog tenacity all the vital things that the contest was over. They were able to do this in part because they knew the house was back of them, but it required three men who knew what they wanted and who refused time and again to give an inch from their position to stand up under the tremendous pressure brought to bear to get near beer thru for the brewers. If near beer had been permitted, prohibition would have been impossible so far as beer selling is concerned. The wets were willing to concede everything, even to denying to the individuals whom they represented,

the drinking men of the state the right to have any liquor at all in their possession. Mr. Norton is serving his fourth term as a representative, and his clean cut progressiveness and his ability have won him leadership in the house. He was born on a farm in Polk county on May 12, 1878. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and also of the Wesleyan college of oratory. He has served four years as clerk of Polk county and 2 terms as mayor of Osceola. He is a democrat.

Mr. Flansburg was the expert lawyer on the committee, and his analysis of the bill as presented and amended by the wets made it possible to balk all efforts to get near beer permitted thru legal subterfuge. He also secured the saving clause to one real concession made the senate, that which covers possession of a reasonable amount of liquor in one's home for his personal use. Mr. Flansburg stood from the beginning for a clause that makes the possession of liquor prima facie evidence that it was kept with the purpose of unlawful sale or use, in any civil or criminal action under the law.

Mr. Flansburg celebrated his 35 birthday on May 3. He was born in Alma, removing to Lincoln with the

family of his father, C. C. Flansburg, in 1893. He graduated from the Lincoln high school and went from the academic department of the University of Nebraska to the law school. He graduated in law in 1906, covering the three year term in two years. He entered the practice of law with his father immediately thereafter. The only official position held prior to this, his first term as a legislator, was deputy city attorney under his father. He is a republican.

Mr. Thomas is one of the owners and editors of one of the liveliest papers in the state, the Alliance Herald. He was born July 8, 1889, at Elwood Neb. He was educated in the public schools at Maywood, Alma and Beaver City and a denominational school at Orleans. He started to learn printing when nine years old. Later he graduated from an Omaha business college, and for several years traveled for typewriter companies. After a short incursion into the real estate business in Alliance, he bought the Herald. He has also had experience in managing a big irrigated farm near Scottsbluff. He was elected by a big majority as a representative for Box Butte and Sheridan counties, in a republican district. He is a democrat and was one of the leaders of the late session.

AURORA DEMANDS THE FIRST HONORS

Claims Made by Aurora School that Arnold Won First in Contest—Red Cloud Contestant

Backed up by Superintendent Fisher and teachers of the Aurora high school, Hugh Arnold claims first place in the state high school declamatory contest which was held in this city Thursday evening.

The prize was given to William McBride, the contestant from the Red Cloud high school, but Aurora now claims that this was done through "miscalculation."

Superintendent A. E. Fisher of the Aurora schools on Monday sent a telegram to Superintendent E. B. Hays of Chadron, secretary of the high school declamatory association, which read as follows: "According to official figures you gave my contestant, Aurora has first place both in grand sum totals and in ranking as follows: Grand sum totals, Aurora, 1,108; Red Cloud, 1,091. By rank Aurora took two firsts and second; Red Cloud had two first and fourth. Arnold should be given first place."

Frank Sturdevant of Chadron won second place. Oral Harvey of Alliance represented this district but was not named among the winners. James Patterson of Rushville was to have represented the Chadron district but was not in attendance at the contest.

The contest was announced for Wednesday night of last week but was postponed until the following evening owing to the fact that the trains were late and the contestants did not reach the city until early the next morning. Exceptional oratorical ability was displayed, and all showed careful preparation and training. The contestants were as follows:

William McBride, Red Cloud; Frank Sturdevant, Chadron; Hugh Arnold, Aurora; George E. Clark, Leigh; Oral Harvey, Alliance; and Grace Station, Weeping Water.

LOST—AUTO TIRE
LOST—On Friday, May 18, one Firestone smooth tread auto casing, with inner tube and wheel rim was lost from tire carrier, on road between Hemingford and Alliance. Size of casing, 32x3 1/2 inches. Name of Lloyd Thomas on inner tube. Reward will be paid for return to the Alliance Herald, Alliance, Neb. 25-21-8371

NEW OIL COMPANY ORGANIZED HERE

Co-operative Development Co. Organized with Capital Stock of \$100,000—Local People In

Yesterday afternoon the preliminary organization of the Co-operative Development Company was completed in this city. The incorporators are for the most part local people, or persons known here. The capital stock is to be \$100,000, with the par value of the shares at \$100. The company will be incorporated under the laws of Wyoming. The principal place of business will be at Casper, with a branch office at Alliance. The company is organized for exploration and development of oil lands and leases. An official of the company states that the company controls a large acreage of land in Wyoming near Douglas, which is believed to be oil-producing land. It is stated that there is no intention of selling stock at this time.

Those interested in the company are: President, R. S. Pryce of Casper; vice president and field manager, M. F. MacDonald of Alliance; secretary and treasurer, Warren Marcy. The directors will be as follows: R. S. Pryce, Casper; Fred Still, Douglas; Tresie Philbin, Norfolk; Maude Hawthorne, Douglas; Mrs. Gertie Emery, Douglas; George McFall, Alliance; W. O. Marcy, Alliance; Howard Meeker, A. Meeker, Hazel Meeker, Bessie Meeker, J. F. Hendrix, A. H. Volker and M. F. MacDonald, Alliance.

A. Meeker and M. F. MacDonald left today for Douglas where they expect to begin preliminary operations immediately.

MILLER SELLS HIS SECOND HAND STORE

Conley Miller has sold his second hand store located at the corner of unpaved Box Butte avenue and Second street to T. J. Thompson of Dannebrog, Nebr. Mr. Thompson is now in possession of the business. The new owner is a brother of Charles and Gene Thompson, well-known ranchmen. Mr. Miller will remain with the new owner for a week or ten days, after which it is likely he will engage in the carpenter business in Alliance.

Glenn Churchill was in Alliance Sunday.

HORSE INSPECTION HERE ON MAY 29

French Army Officers Will Be Here Next Tuesday to Accept War Horses for French Gov't

Next Tuesday, May 29, the horse inspection scheduled to have taken place Tuesday of this week will be held at the Alliance stock yards. The inspection, conducted by C. L. Lester & Co., was postponed one week on account of the bad weather. The French army officers will be in Alliance next Tuesday and the inspection will be held at that time as advertised.

While a number of horses were brought in for Tuesday's inspection, the large number were not brought in, owing to the condition of the roads following the rainy spell. The French army officers were in Denver and telegraphed Mr. Lester that they would leave Monday night in order to have plenty of time here, but Mr. Lester wired them to postpone coming for another week, in order to have a large supply of horses on hand. The same prices will be paid as announced. Elsewhere in this issue appears the display advertisement announcing the inspection.

SENIORS LISTENED TO

BACCALAUREATE SERMON
The baccalaureate exercise for the senior class of the Alliance high school were held at the Phelan opera house Sunday evening. The members of the class were dressed in caps and gowns and were seated with the faculty in a section reserved for them. H. J. Young, pastor of the Christian church, preached the sermon. His subject was, "Facing the Task of Life." Among other things Rev. Young placed emphasis on the fact that in order to really be successful in life a person must be well developed, physically, intellectually and morally. He offered the suggestion that each should have a definite purpose in life and strive to make the goal.

SENIOR CLASS TO GRADUATE FRIDAY

Tomorrow (Friday) evening, graduation exercises for the senior class of the Alliance high school will be held at the Phelan opera house. The exercises will start at 8:15. Dean Charles Fordyce of the University of Nebraska will deliver the address to the graduates. An excellent program has been prepared.

COMPANY "G" INSPECTION

Captain Wallace, Federal Officer of Inspection, Viewed Company in Alliance on Sunday

REPORT TO BE FAVORABLE

No Intimation Given as to Probable Date Local Unit Will Be Mustered into Service

Captain Wallace, federal officer of inspection, was in the city to inspect Company G, the new unit of the Fourth regiment of the Nebraska national guard, recently organized here. The company is now composed of eighty-seven men, all of whom were present to answer the call. The company now has twenty-two more than enough men. It was necessary to have a company of sixty-five in order to have it accepted. There is still room in the company for any who desire to join. Captain Wallace stated that his report to the federal authorities would be favorable as to Company G.

Scottsbluff contributed well to the organization of the company. An ovation was given to the Scottsbluff members at their home town Saturday evening, being in the nature of a farewell. The affair was held in Weller hall there, which was packed to overflowing by the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and sweethearts of the boys. Following the exercises at the hall a very enthusiastic crowd followed the boys to the depot, where the Scottsbluff Boys' Band played appropriate music, and where the boys were bid goodspeed by their parents, relatives and friends.

In Federal Service Now

A number of the members of the company gained the impression that the inspection was to be in fact a mustering in of the company to the federal service immediately. The inspection was a part of the regular procedure and was necessary before the members of the company could receive federal pay. Captain Wallace told the members of the company that they were regularly enlisted in the federal service and that in the future they were subject to war department orders issued to them through Captain Miller. Members were instructed to pay no attention to orders or reports coming from other sources than from the captain of the company, but to obey all orders of the commanding officer, any deviation from which would place them in the embarrassing position of deserting in time of war. From Alliance, Captain Wallace went to Aurora where Company H was inspected. The organization of the Fourth Nebraska is now complete.

Must Have an Armory

All national guard companies are required to have an armory, the rent of which is paid by the government. A number of places were inspected but it is believed the Masonic temple will be the place approved. Equipment is being held at Fort Crook. Where the company will be outfitted and trained is not known. No intimation has been given as to when the company will be called into service.

A number of the members of the company living in Scottsbluff have returned to their homes to await orders from headquarters.

John Mattox of Scottsbluff, second lieutenant of the company, expects to remain in Alliance until the order to report at the training camp is received.

ISAACSON PURCHASES MARY REGAN STOCK

A. G. Isaacson, proprietor of the Fashion Shop, this morning purchased the remaining stock in the Regan store from Mary Regan, at 40 cents on the dollar. Mr. Isaacson told The Herald this morning that he would sell this stock at the same price he paid for it—40 cents on the dollar. He expects to hold a big sale next week at which he will sell not only the Regan stock at cut prices, but much of the merchandise in his regular stock. He advises the people of Alliance and western Nebraska to watch for his sale announcement, believing that this will afford them an opportunity to make genuine savings in their purchases.

14 HOMES QUARANTINED FOR SCARLET FEVER

Fourteen homes in Alliance are under quarantine at the present time on account of scarlet fever, according to a statement made by City Physician Dr. H. H. Bellwood to the Herald yesterday. Dr. Bellwood says that the authorities and physicians are getting the upper hand of contagious diseases in Alliance now and asks and demands the co-operation of all citizens in the work of eliminating these diseases from the city.

Dr. H. B. Cumming, secretary of the state board of health, has informed Dr. Bellwood that he must not lax from the quarantine regulations. Elsewhere in this issue appears the statement of the secretary of the state board and of Dr. Bellwood.

ARE THERE ANY SLACKERS HERE?

Alliance Bankers Say But Few Applications Are Being Made for Liberty Loan Bonds

ABOUT \$2,000 NOW SUBSCRIBED

"The Liberty Loan of 1917" Offers Special Advantages in Bonds No Others Possess

Alliance people seem exceptionally indifferent to the new bond issue of the United States government known as "The Liberty Loan of 1917." All three Alliance banks, the First National, the First State, and the Alliance National, are accepting subscriptions for these bonds, or more truthfully are prepared to accept subscriptions. Officials of the three banks told The Herald that they had had practically no applications. It is probable that one Alliance man will subscribe for \$1,000 worth of the bonds, that being the largest amount even hinted at, and this from only one man. There are a very few others who expect to purchase a few of the smaller denominations.

One banker told The Herald that on Saturday he inquired of probably fifty men who came into his bank, asking them if they desired to make application for the purchase of the bonds. He states that most all of them gave him the "ha-ha." Asked the reason, he said it was probably because the interest rate is so low. Present indications make it doubtful if Alliance will purchase more than \$2,000 worth of the bonds, and not over \$3,000 at the most.

One special advantage that Liberty bonds have over all other bonds, national, state, municipal or corporate, is that if the United States during the continuance of this war shall issue other bonds at a higher rate of interest, the holders of these Liberty bonds have the right to exchange their Liberty bonds for bonds bearing the higher rate of interest, dollar for dollar. The bonds are nontaxable and pay 3 1/2 per cent interest.

There are two kinds of Liberty bonds. Bearer bonds are to be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. These bearer bonds, which are payable to bearer, have interest coupons attached which are detached by the holder when the interest installments they represent are due, and can be cashed at any bank the same as a United States treasury note. Registered bonds are to be issued, which are registered as to both principal and interest, in denominations of 100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000; checks for the amount of interest due will be mailed out semi-annually to the holders of these registered bonds.

If there are persons living in Alliance or anywhere else who desire to purchase these mortgages on the United States, whether because they feel it their patriotic duty or whether from a strictly investment standpoint, any one of the three Alliance banks will take their application and deliver the bonds when issued.

LINCOLN MAN NEW PASTOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

S. J. Epler, of Lincoln, has been engaged as pastor of the Christian church in Alliance to succeed H. J. Young, who preaches his farewell sermon Sunday. Mr. Epler will preach his first sermon here a week from Sunday. He is a married man with three children. The family will move to Alliance at a later date. Rev. Epler is a college mate of Rev. Young. He is said to be a man of experience and a marked success in his chosen work.

BUT ONE CASE OF SMALLPOX IN ALLIANCE

There is but one case of smallpox in the city, states Dr. Bellwood, city physician, and this is not a local case. Bert Kerwin, who has been employed on the federal forest reserve at Halsey came down with smallpox and was on his way to his home at 1224 Acoma street, Denver. He came to Alliance to change cars and was found at the depot. When it was learned he has smallpox Dr. Bellwood ordered him sent to the local detention hospital.

THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

According to the meteorological record kept by F. W. Hicks, Alliance official weather observer for the weather bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, a total of 1.62 inches of rain fell in Alliance the past week. The total rainfall recorded for May 19 was .45 inches; for May 20, .55 inches; and for May 21, .62. The official report for the week ending Wednesday, May 23, is as follows:

Day	Max.	Min.	Set.	Max. Precip.
17	79	38	64	
18	78	46	70	
19	71	46	58	.45
20	64	45	45	.55
21	48	37	37	.62
22	58	30	51	
23	62	34	60	